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THANKING OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Aloha,

This month's newsletter is dedicated to our military families and the troops serving at home and abroad. The Fourth of July has come and gone, but those brave men and women continue to serve our country, asking for so little in return. Turn to Page 2 for ways to get involved and show your appreciation to our military. There, you will also find upcoming events open to our military families and the public.

I have been working extensively with 'Ewa Beach residents on our Emergency Preparedness effort. See below for exciting details about an upcoming event to "Get Ready".

And as you may have heard, members of the House of Representatives hosted an Informational Briefing on Cybercrime on July 12. Many very knowledgeable experts and concerned citizens attended the event to learn more about the risks of cybercrime and what can be done to protect Hawaii residents from falling victim. More information on that growing area of criminal activity can be found on Page 4.

If you have questions or would like to share your story about Internet crime, please contact my office at 586-9730 or email me at reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Mahalo,

SAVE THE DATE: "GET READY 'EWA BEACH" EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR, SEPTEMBER 24TH

It has been very exciting to see members of our community pulling together to get 'Ewa Beach prepared. My office is helping to coordinate this great event designed to equip you and your family with the necessary information and tools.

The event will be part of a larger effort to create plans for our district

and activate the entire community. It will include tsunami and hurricane readiness, safety training, emergency supplies, strengthening your home through retrofits, and important information about hurricane and flood insurance.

Stay tuned for more information, or contact our office for more details.



10 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED: THANKING OUR MILITARY

We are blessed to have many military families in 'Ewa Beach. If you know of a family with a deployed parent or child, please thank them for their service. It's important that they know we appreciate their sacrifice.

1. Fly the Flag at your home or business during the day (for instructions visit: www.vfw.org/Community/Flag-Education)
2. Send a care package to a soldier through USO Cares (www.uso.org)
3. Organize an event in your own community
4. Ask your elected officials at all levels to recognize our military
5. Send an email or letter of thanks through A Million Thanks (www.amillionthanks.org)
6. Adopt a hero at Soldiers' Angels (www.soldiersangels.org)
7. Ask local media (TV, radio, newspaper) to feature stories about our troops
8. Support legislation that honors veterans and troops
9. Ask schools, libraries and organizations to participate in recognizing their armed forces
10. When you see a person in a military uniform, thank him or her for serving our country

PEARL HARBOR P-307 GROUNDBREAKING

Representative Pine attended the groundbreaking of the most recent military construction project on July 6th. She and Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson (Aiea, Hickam, Pearl Harbor) a certificate from the Hawai'i House of Representatives to commemorate the event.



Rep. Pine with (from left) her husband, Lt. Brian Ryglowski, Capt. Brian Osgood, and Rep. Aaron Johanson

The certificate congratulated Captain Brian Osgood and the Naval Shipyard for its recent achievements.

Other guests included Governor Neil Abercrombie, US Senator Daniel Inouye, and State Senator Glenn Wakai.

UPCOMING MILITARY EVENTS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

July 29: Klipper Summer Bash at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Klipper Golf Course. Enjoy sales, demos and contests all day at the Pro Shop and golf course, food specials at Samuel Adams Sports Grill, live entertainment, prize giveaways, and keiki activities. For info and base entry instructions, contact 254-2107. Open to the public.

August 5: Right Arm Night at 4:30 p.m. at Hale Ikena Fort Shafter. \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Military personnel and dependents only.

August 13: Dog Days of Summer 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Weyand Field (Sills Field), Schofield Barracks. For information, contact 655-0111. Open to the public.

August 13: Movies by Moonlight showing "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" at 7:30 p.m. at Weyand Field (Sills Field), Schofield Barracks. For information, contact 655-0111. Open to the public.

BECAUSE THEY DO



When I watch the fireworks each Fourth of July, I can't help but be reminded of the battles fought to create America and those fought since its founding to preserve it.

But these reminders should not only come on the few holidays each year dedicated to our troops and veterans. Day in and day out, a staggering number of Americans is either fighting in war, in training, or sacrificing time with family as loved ones leave for combat. That sacrifice is on the minds of those many troops and family members constantly, and it doesn't fade from their daily thoughts as time passes and media attention fades.

We have long since celebrated these sacrifices on designated days of the year. But oftentimes, as parents, students and active members of the community, we become busy with our everyday lives. It's understandable that we sometimes forget that our overseas conflicts are even still happening.



But that's exactly the point – we are able to put the horrors of war and injustice out of our minds because of our troops.

I'm committed to the issues that military families face and pledge to always keep that a priority. As a Navy wife myself, I know the challenges of living without my husband as he served abroad. My grandfather served in the Coast Guard during the bombing of Pearl Harbor and World War II. He protected his country at a pivotal time in its history, just as our troops do today.

Over 2,500 residents of 'Ewa Beach are currently serving our country. If you are one of them, thank you. Perhaps your children go to school with a child of a deployed serviceman, or maybe you live next door to a veteran.

SOLDIERS AMONG US

I'm thankful to live down the street from the Shaw family. Priscilla Shaw, a Captain in the US Army and a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, is currently serving a six-month deployment in Iraq. Her husband, Cleve, stays busy working and raising their three young children while Priscilla is away.

Priscilla enlisted in the Army Reserves at the age of seventeen. After eight years of service, she took an active duty commission as an Army officer.



The Shaw Family

Her duties have taken the Shaws around the country a number of times. Even through the hard times, their family maintains a sense of gratitude for being able to serve our nation.

It's important that we step up, as they have, to support our country and all the people fighting for it. Let us keep their sacrifices in mind, not only on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July, but year-round.

Because they do.

REMEMBERING SGT. MICHAEL GEISLER OF 'EWA BEACH

Sgt. Michael Geisler, 44, a Hawaii Army National Guard soldier, was injured in a Humvee crash on July 5th and passed away three days later at Queen's Medical Center.

Sgt. Geisler's accident came halfway through a two-week annual training drill with his unit, one that was going to be his last before retiring from the guard.

He leaves behind his wife and two children.

PROTECTING HAWAII RESIDENTS FROM CYBERCRIME



Reps. Gene Ward, Kymberly Pine and George Fontaine are briefed by Detective Chris Duque, retired 30-year veteran of HPD Criminal Investigation Division and President of CyberSafety

Members of the House of Representatives held an informational briefing on Cybercrime at the State Capitol on July 12. The purpose of the event was to discuss the impacts of Internet-related crimes on the residents of Hawai'i and steps the State can take to address this growing problem.

Expert speakers included: Maui County Department of Police; Criminal Investigation Division of HPD; White Collar Crime Unit of the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office; the President of Secure DNA, and the Principal Investigator of University of Hawai'i's College of Education.

Reportedly, over 30,000 entities make millions of attempts daily to gain access to information that belongs to someone else. In short, it is a crime that can happen to all of us.

Cybercrime is serious, pervasive and sophisticated and has the potential to affect everyone who uses a computer, cell phone, or other electronic communication device.

These crimes cover a wide range of abuses, including financial damage, like identity theft or the exploitation of credit card information, to social or emotional damage, like the sad development of cyber bullying affecting our youth.

This informational briefing was only the beginning. Representative Pine and her fellow legislators will continue to work on this growing and varied segment of criminal activity until Hawai'i residents are as protected as possible.



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Chris Van Marter of the White Collar Crime Unit discusses the need for stronger state statutes

JOIN REPRESENTATIVE PINE'S EMAIL LIST AND STAY CONNECTED



Throughout the year, Rep. Pine generates surveys to poll the sentiments of her district. To participate in surveys, email a request to be added to the list at:

reppine@capitol.hawaii.gov

Once you are on the list, you will receive updates on community and legislative events and notices from various state and city departments to help residents navigate through construction zones and other issues of importance.

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